U11 Colts: Finchley vs. Potters Bar. Friday 16th May
Match notes

Many thanks to Seb for scoring the match.

Finchley skipper - Louis
Potters Bar won the toss and elected to bat first.

Joe and Harry opened the bowling, with Harry picking up a wicket in his first over. Potters Bar were 14-1 after 4 overs. Sam and Luke took over and Sam bowled both batsmen in his first over and Luke picked one up in his second. Henry took a catch off Sam's third over before Toby and Louis took over. After 10 overs PB were 41-5 but this pair put on 31 runs, until a good run-out by Peter, when Harry returned to bowl in the 15th. Joe took a wicket in the next but PB still managed to push the score on, eventually finishing on 89-8. It was again a good team effort to keep a quality team down to this score. Fielding was difficult in very cold conditions.

In rapidly fading light the PB openers immediately put Joe and Louis under pressure. The game turned in their third over, when James Ilott took three wickets, Joe, Harry and Luke. Louis was out caught in the fourth to leave Finchley on 10-4. James Ilott's sheer pace and accuracy showed why he is an opening bowler for Middlesex colts. After a change of bowling Henry and Peter managed to last four overs but runs were still very hard to come by. Peter was out in the ninth over and after ten over Finchley were 15-5. Jamie was bowled in the in the thirteen over and Henry and Toby were out in the 14th. Dillon was run out in the sixteenth and whilst Sam batted well for 9 and Andy supported until the close we ended up on 47-9.

Despite the result Gabriel and I were proud of the lads who were undone by some quality fast bowling. Mark Ilott, the ex-England player and PB's coach said we had given them a fright when they were batting, and this alone is worth mentioning. Last year PB were unbeaten in all competitions and have won all their games so far this year. PB were extremely well organised and undoubtedly the best team we've played this season so it's no surprise they have three or four Middlesex colts players. Despite the loss I think the team will have learnt much from playing PB and I look forward to the return fixture. If, and it's a big if, we can get past the openers I think we can give them a really good game.

Result: Potters Bar (88-8) beat Finchley (47-9) by 41runs.

Bowling:

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts
Joe	4	0	25	1
Harry	4	0	4	1
Luke	3	0	13	2
Toby	2	0	12	0
Sam	4	1	14	3
Louis	3	0	18	0

Fielding:
Catch – Henry
Run out - Peter

Batting:

Batsman	How Out	Runs	4's	6's
Joe	C & B	0	-	-
Louis	Caught	2		
Harry	Bowled	2		
Luke	Bowled	0		
Henry	Bowled	1		
Peter	C & B	1		
Jamie	Bowled	2		
Toby	Run Out	0		
Sam	-	9	1	
Dillon	Run Out	1		
Andy	-	2		-
Extras		27		
Total		**47**		